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O'Dowd addresses House Finance Committee

By JOLIE SASSEVILLE
Whalesong Editor

Before the House Finance Committee on Wednesday, University President Donald O'Dowd likened the university system to a drowning man, but told the representatives that he has faith in the legislature to save the system.

O'Dowd summarized the university's recent financial crises for the lawmakers and explained the rationale behind the impending restructuring effort.

"No public university has had to deal with a problem of this magnitude since World War II," the president said of the 26 percent cut the university has withstood in the last 19 months.

In spite of increasing enrollments, the system's ability to deliver programs has been seriously curtailed by the reductions.

"While our service load is up 10 percent," O'Dowd explained, the number of people available to deliver services has changed dramatically.

After bordering last summer on financial exigency — the academic equivalent of bankruptcy

-- the university saw clearly the need to deal with both that crisis and with the high level of administrative overhead inherent in the present university structure, according to O'Dowd. To accomplish this dual task, university administrators engaged in an intensive effort to restructure the entire system.

Before a standing room only audience of lawmakers, students and others in the House Finance chambers of the Capitol, O'Dowd described the cumbersome system of university administration built up over the years.

With five major administrative units (MAU's) and 14 accredited campuses, a high number of administrators in relation to the number of students is required simply to maintain accreditation standards. The alternative proposed in the restructuring plan is to have three primary MAU's based in Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks, through which the smaller community college campuses derive their accreditation.

An example of administrative overload, O'Dowd cited, is the presence within Anchorage of three purchasing departments and three

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UAJ student practices the fine art of snoozing on under blue sky and sunshine on Wednesday, while waiting for the University Express bus.

UAJ Accreditation reaffirmed

By Whalesong Staff

Progress made in enrollment, research and teaching was recently acknowledged when accreditation for the University of Alaska-Juneau was reaffirmed.

In a letter written by James F. Bemis, executive director of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, accreditation for the Juneau campus was secured based on an October, 1986, interim report and visit. Bemis traveled to UAJ at that time to make certain the university was in compliance with recommendations made by the NWASC when accreditation was first granted in December of 1983.

At that time, members of an evaluation team recommended that full accreditation be granted; however, concerns were expressed that the university work to establish a larger base of full-time students and also complete student housing. When Bemis visited the campus last October, he found housing completed and fully occupied. In addition, he noted that UAJ's full-time student body had increased from 300 in fall of 1983 to 495 in fall of 1986, a 65 percent increase.

Accreditation is generally accepted across the nation as the stamp-of-approval for institutions of higher learning to grant degrees

and transfer credit. UAJ was granted "candidacy status" for accreditation in 1979, which was continued again in 1981. After a two-year period of intensive internal evaluation, the university applied for full accreditation again in 1983, at which time it was granted.

According to Bemis, unless there is a crisis that causes the NWASC to "become concerned about the ability of the University of Alaska-Juneau to meet its purposes," the next full-scale evaluation won't be made until late 1988.

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Southeast group discuss university restructuring

By Whalesong Staff

Nine members of a Southeast Consulting Group to address implementation of the university restructuring plan were named by Interim Chancellor John Visser on Jan. 28.

Representatives from Juneau

in the group will be Jim Bradley, Sheila Colbert-Kerns, Steve Cole (student), Sharon Cook, Lorraine Glenn, Phil Hocker, Herb Satko, Michael Smith (student) and Baerbel Sorensen.

Representatives from Islands Community College in Sitka and

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Stability in Future?**

As the Fifteenth Alaska Legislature agonizes over the herculean task of balancing the state's ailing budget, they must somehow weigh the values of the various interests in the state: development, health, utilities, education, the arts...

It is not an enviable task; nor, however, is it an impossible one. A group of sixty lawmakers can, through prudent and innovative thinking, set Alaska on a path toward fiscal stability.

The university community hopes that the intrinsic value of education to a developing state will be affirmed and will fare well in the process. One means of assuring this is through passage of SB 12 and HB 42, bills jointly introduced in the Senate and House to provide a constitutionally authorized dedication of five percent of the state's revenues to university funding.

As quarterly revenue projections were received by university administrators in 1986, each projection prompted gubernatorial orders to cut yet more from an already slim university budget. Finally, President Donald O'Dowd announced the university budget had reached a point under which it could not

function. That point was 143.5 million dollars.

This was a courageous but necessary statement. On the campaign trail, candidate Steve Cowper stated vehemently on more than one occasion that the university would, indeed, not be forced to function under that level.

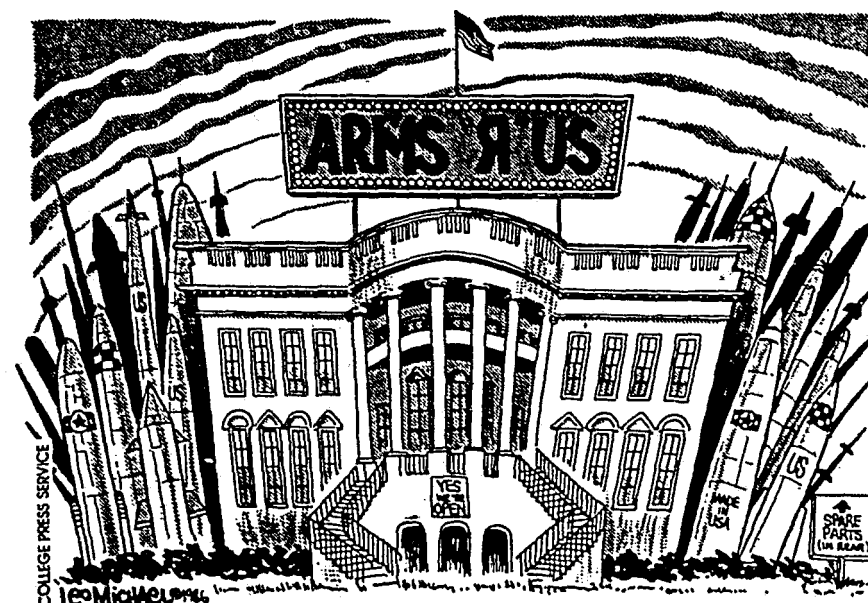
We now know that there is no certainty to his assurances; that we, like most other state agencies, will be forced lower yet so long as the state's method of appropriating university funding remains as subjective and unstable as it is presently.

While dedicated funding would still have the university system tied to state revenue with its hills and valleys, we would at least be guaranteed an equitable vehicle for

traversing the rocky terrain.

So long as these bills are not intended to benefit certain politically pampered university programs or campuses at the expense of others, their result could be a renewed sense of stability and opportunity for growth for all campuses. These bills should pass, but they should remain free of any strings which would defeat their purpose for the good of all Alaska's university students.

Alaska's philosophy has been that an investment in education is an investment in its future. It is important then, that our legislators maintain that philosophy and guarantee that a university education remains attainable for every Alaskan student.

**A Generation
in Hock**

Reprinted from the Christian Science Monitor, Tues. Dec. 30, 1986

Perhaps the most amazing thing about putting a young person through college in the United States today is that so many families manage to do it.

As the cost of an education at some institutions begins to rival that of a "starter home" in some localities, the financing of those educations is still likely to be a patchwork of savings, loans, summer and holiday jobs, and scrimping.

This wouldn't be so bad if it ended when the youngest in the family got his or her diploma. But it doesn't. Many young people start out their adult lives under a burden of debt.

A new study of student loans, just released by the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, found that the students in private four-year colleges who borrowed for their education had accumulated an average debt of \$8,950 at graduation. The figure for borrowers at state schools is \$6,685. These figures represent roughly a tripling of those of a

decade ago. For students borrowing for graduate and professional education, the debt burden can easily go into five figures.

This debt explosion is the result of rising college costs when family incomes are generally barely holding steady and when the federal government has been shifting from grants to loans to support higher education. As Education Secretary William J. Bennett has noted, the long-term effect of such loans is not to make college more affordable, but to make it easier for colleges to raise their fees. And fees have been going up, even as general inflation has slowed to a creep.

There are several reasons for concern about student indebtedness. It will make young people feel pressure to land career-oriented jobs, even the wrong jobs, right away. The luxury of taking a year or two to travel or try out a new field or even volunteer for the Peace Corps will evaporate. Indebtedness will likely push young people away from careers in "public service" fields such as teaching and into fields where fixation is on the bottom line. (As a corollary, newspaper columnists will probably complain about a lack of idealism among young people.)

The debt burden may make some graduates feel a need to delay buying homes and starting families, too.

Rising college costs and the attendant need to borrow are not doing anything to help close the

economic gaps between black and white — nor between men and women, for that matter. A number of institutions are reporting their black enrollments down in recent years.

Then the rise in student debt comes at a time of concern for the national debt, consumer debt, farm debt, third-world debt, and just about every other kind of debt we can think of. Is buy now, pay later — or get the next generation to pay later — really the philosophy we want to adopt?

It is only fair to note that a student loan is borrowing to invest, rather than borrowing to consume. And no one is suggesting that education is no longer a good idea.

But the student debt issue deserves major attention and some fresh thinking. The prospects for more outright grants for education are dim. Colleges need to consider what they might do to encourage more frugal life styles among their students, as well as how they can hold down their own costs.

Higher education is important enough to be worth family sacrifices, but not an insupportable burden.

LETTERS**From
USUAJ President**

Welcome to UAJ, new and returning students. So much has happened recently that I don't know where to begin, so I'll just ramble on and hope I cover everything.

ELECTIONS: We are going to have an election Feb. 10 & 11 to fill 3 vacant positions. They are vice-president, treasurer, and lower division representative. If you are interested in the workings of student government, you should pick up a petition at the Student Government Office, the Student Activity Office, Counseling and Health, or the Bill Ray Center Office. Have 10 students sign it and turn it in no later than Feb. 5 at any of those same locations. Details will be on the petitions. These positions will become effective immediately and continue until the end of the semester when we will have another election for next year's offices of President,

Vice-President, Treasurer, and Legislative Affairs Coordinator. Any positions not filled by the election will either be appointed by vote of student government or declared vacant for the remainder of the term.

POLITICS: Listen up, this is important! At our recent student leader conference here in Juneau, we were repeatedly informed by our legislators that the student loan program was going to change this session. They specifically mentioned forgiveness and the interest rate as prime targets. The legislature intends to eliminate forgiveness, raise the interest rate to market level, and possibly start charging interest from the time of the loan instead of the time of repayment. The Postsecondary Education Commission is also looking to make regulatory changes designed to make loans more difficult to obtain. These changes have a lot of support and it will be nearly impossible to head them off, but student governments throughout the state will be trying to preserve the loan program as close as possible to its present form. Another idea that is gathering

To Live and Die in L.A. - "must see"

By ART PETERSEN
Special to Whalesong

Because of time and circumstance, it used to be that films, and good films particularly, could slip past us like ships in the night, sometimes to re-emerge on network television where they were, and still are, repeatedly torpedoed by commercials. Often these films are mothballed for a decade or purposely sunk as valueless relics. Fortunately, the growth of video holding houses and the corner video market is changing all that. The last film reviewed in this column, *9 1/2 Weeks*, long gone from theaters and never to be shown on most television, is available on video in our town, and so is the film reviewed here.

In November of 1985 appeared *To Live and Die in L.A.*, the latest film by director William Friedkin (*The French Connection*, *The Exorcist*, and *Sorcerer*). Reviewers and the viewing public liked and disliked the film. Praised for its musical score, pacing, photography, hard-hitting neo-film noir style, and more, still, said most (indirectly or under their breaths), it is a work of audience exploitation that we hate and ought to hate. I want to explore this hate

in the little space allowed here with the intent of recommending what I now perceive to be a powerfully hypnotic and, on one level, subtle film that breaks the heart and puts the unseen shard of the conscience onto the scent of blood.

I would have gone to see "L.A." in any event, but when I heard those good "BUTS" on every side and sniffed the outrage in so many voices over charges of pervasive corruption and the exploitation of seediness for its own sake, the film became a "must-see" for me because I wondered why the anger. After reviewing it now some half-dozen times, I confidently recommend it as a "must-see" film for anyone who regards film as serious art. You may hate it, too, but at least like so many others, you will probably love it while doing so, perhaps and perhaps not for the same reasons I do.

If you are open to what has been pursued by our species through the arts for a long time now, at least since the Greeks and variously long before, then you are probably interested in glimpsing something of the truth about ourselves, a truth about old and new—that such old old revered and reasonable desires of our species

as to preserve self-respect, avenge our loved ones, and lead a comfortable life can corrupt our goals into self-serving, maniacal ends and our actions into cruelly calculated manipulations of everyone around us. This film does not offer conclusive evidence, but it hugely suggests, through its unremitting universality of corrupted means, that not just some of us but probably most of us, through every walk of life, from family men and women to judges and lawyers, to lovers and the closest of friends, are not immune and the we damn well better watch out.

"Tell me what you hate; I'll show you what you fear," a "prof" of mine once said. I wondered, watched, and became convinced he was right. In this case trace that variously expressed hate for Friedkin's film; trace it back to elements in Friedkin's film. What I find in the main there is Friedkin so succeeding in benignly displaying a pervasive corruption that we feel as exploited and perhaps potentially defensively exploitative as the characters in the film. Thus, on some sort of inner sliding scale, we are angry and afraid—and hate (fear) feeling this way. And it's no wonder; Friedkin is relentless. Men use women and

children to get information, to get next to another men for advantage, to "get the drop" on a captor in order to get away, to get money, and to corner and enemy and kill him. Women, on the other, use children to play on emotions, lovers to get money or power for other lovers, and their fidelity and sexuality to promote real (or greater) fidelity to their real emotional and sexual desires and loyalties. It's a wonderfully sordid movie because it hard-hits its way, with stunning style, into a very subtle nuance of mystery and seeming which is both real and deceptive—and dangerously actual potential, it seems to me, in our time.

Remember the hate for Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye*? Some people "then" counted, and some are now recounting, the liking adventure, action, mystery, irony, and all the rest, but moderate our times are not. What I like more than the action is the artistically produced sensation of the long, coarse-skinned body of Friedkin's shark passing along the heart. Beauty is various, and in these times of preoccupation with ourselves bobbing about upon America's materialistic sea, flirting shamelessly with ex-captist pretend violence while practically

beneath our feet another Viet Nam drenches the dirt with blood, isn't it preferable to be roused by the prowling pass of an inner shark than to find oneself one day adrift among real ones—or worse, as one?

number of "F-words" in the 1951 book, and longlists of other objectionable ones, too. That book, I am convinced, is ANTI-"F-word," but a residually large number of ANTI-"F-word" people can't see that. The end of Art as truth, and in portraying truth, good and evil and everything in between are equals. Thus, if corruption and exploitation are the subject, then art (serious art) attempts to render them truly. This realistic means is the artistic way and very powerful.

And such, in my view, was Friedkin's way. Having his cake, too, he's made a "rock-em sock-em" movie that the studios wanted and paid for and for which the people hunger, but he also painted a picture so relentlessly frighteningly real that it scares us. It seems strange to say that we fear liking a picture, but I think we do. Don't get me wrong. I don't mean there's a great wrong in

Kayak; film based on Siberian and Alaskan kayaks

By JOLIE SASSEVILLE
Whalesong Editor

"Kayak," a locally produced educational film, made its premiere Jan. 23 during a Legislative reception at the Alaska State Museum.

The film is based on the exhibit of Siberian and Alaskan kayaks which opened at the Museum last summer.

Hosted by Canadian kayak expert David Zimmerly, the film includes rarely seen historical footage of traditional kayaks from the Bethel and Nunivak Island areas, and features a caribou hunt filmed in the Canadian arctic.

The film's script was written by local writer and kayak enthusiast David Hunsaker and is based on the book Zimmerly authored to accompany the exhibit.

Juneau producers Eric Eckholm, Lisle Hebert and Janet Fries shot

"Kayak" in 16mm film, which provides greater camera flexibility and depth of color than does video. The entire production was directed by Eckholm.

At a cost of \$20,000, "Kayak" was underwritten by the Department of Education's Office of Instructional Services.

Copies of the film will be sent to schools and libraries throughout the state, including university libraries, to assist teachers in conveying important trans-cultural and historical concepts, according to Ben Fewell, Instructional Television Production Manager and co-producer of "Kayak."

The film will be broadcast statewide on public television this spring. Its distribution to schools is planned as part of the State Museum's educational outreach program.

For more information about the film, please call 465-2901.

Alaskameut

An exhibition of contemporary Alaska Native Masks, *Alaskameut 86*, is on exhibit through Feb. 7 at the Alaska State Museum, 395 Whittier Street.

The exhibit was organized by the Institute of Alaska Native Arts from the results of a 1986 mask-making symposium where Native mask-makers from throughout Alaska joined together to share ideas, materials and techniques.

Artists from Southeast represented in *Alaskameut* include Nathan Jackson, Edna Davis Jackson and Jim Schoppert.

Schoppert is a former UAJ art instructor.

An opening reception on Jan. 23 was attended by many of the artists represented in the show. The masks are constructed from both traditional materials such as driftwood and feathers, and such contemporary materials as hubcaps, nails and dental mirrors.

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UAJ's Eric Henderson and Santa Cruz's Bruno Baldini battle for the rebound during their Jan. 23 game. The Whales won both Friday and Sat. nights games with a score of 87-82 in over-time on Friday night and 99-79 on Sat. night.

UAJ's Russel Jordan- "We have a lot of hustle"

By JOLIE SASSEVILLE
Whalesong Editor

With a range of interests that includes his pet boa constrictor, music, alligators, weight lifting and basketball, senior Russel Jordan keeps a busy schedule.

Jordan is proud of the Whales' efforts so far this season. A back injury during the recent Western Washington game has kept him out of the three games since then. The 6'1", 205 pound center expects to be back in action in early February.

The Whales face Western Washington once more this season, in mid-February, and Jordan expects it to be the team's toughest match this season. The Whales came out of the previous Western Washington match with their first loss at home this

season.

"I'd be pleased if we only lose one more game this season," Jordan said, "it would be a good season. I'm looking forward to going to Kansas City for the playoffs."

"We have a lot of hustle," he said of this year's team. "We really want to win."

The team's shortcomings, he said, are their size and the lapses in play.

"We have mental and physical lapses in each game; we always seem to let down at some point in every game," Jordan said.

He feels Coach Clair Markey's philosophy of play can work for the team, given their size and speed.

Jordan played basketball for two years at Fort Steilacoom Community College in Washing-

ton, where Whales assistant coach Tom Wilson was a teammate. Wilson and their community college coach recommended UAJ to Jordan.

The co-captain of the team -- together with Damon Lowry -- is a business management major with hopes of working for a consulting firm in New York City or Washington, D.C. after graduation.

He hopes to graduate in a year, "if I go to summer school, and if the classes are offered," he added.

Jordan manages to juggle a graveyard-shift job at Fred Meyer, basketball practice, games and travel, and a 15- credit class schedule. With that fast pace, his last year of college is likely to fly by.

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Halleen: "Wanted to ski race"

By Matt Brakel
Whalesong Staff Reporter

When Mike Halleen saw "PE 104A; Alpine Ski Team", in the catalog he decided to 'go for it.' When asked why, Mike simply replied, "I just wanted to ski race."

Racing isn't new to Mike; he has been a devoted dirt bike racer for the last three years.

"I forget now how I was in the last of the pack when I first started dirt bike racing -- now I can and do win races," Halleen said.

Halleen's ski racing hasn't advanced that far yet. However, Halleen has proved to be a devoted team member. He put in more than his share of driving and paperwork while helping Coach Sammy Reid get ready for the team's trip to Snoqualmie Pass, Washington.

Halleen was rewarded in part for his assistance when Reid helped Halleen get a good deal on a pair of

ski boots. Those boots were very important to Halleen's skiing as they were the first high-performance racing boots he had owned.

When asked about his relationship with the coach, Halleen replied, "me and Sammy get along just fine. I think he is really good at the technical aspects of skiing."

Halleen is looking forward to the last race of the college season at Whistler, British Columbia.

"I'm going to go as fast as I can because this is the last race that really matters," Halleen said.

When asked about his current school status and future plans, he stated that he is currently a freshman in the Associate of Arts program. His long-term educational goal is to become an electrical engineer.

Mike is currently looking for a job for the summer season, either working for Noranda in Hawk Inlet or fishing in Bristol Bay.

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Student leaders address issues

By JOLIE SASSEVILLE
Whalesong Editor

While many students relaxed and enjoyed the break between semesters, 17 student government leaders from campuses throughout the state gathered in Juneau to address issues that could affect all students in the state.

The United Students of the University of Alaska-Juneau (USUAJ) hosted the Student Leadership Conference Jan. 15-17. In addition to addressing the issues on their agenda, the students met with legislators and public officials to hear other viewpoints on higher education in Alaska.

Department of Education Commissioner Marshall Lind was the key note speaker for the conference. He addressed the student leaders in a Friday morning session to discuss education spending levels in Alaska.

The previous morning, Postsecondary Education Commission Executive Director Kerry Romesburg met with the group.

Romesburg expressed concern that the state funded student loan program can not possibly meet the demand for loans.

He reported that Governor Steve Cowper's new administration is examining alternatives for making the program's funding meet demands for loans. Among those alternatives is the possibility of eliminating forgiveness of loan debts.

Forgiveness is intended to encourage Alaskan students to remain in the state after completing college.

"Students don't make a decision about where to live based on loan repayment," Romesburg said. He said such factors as where jobs, family and friends are located have more influence on a borrower's decision on where to live than does the possibility of loan forgiveness.

Romesburg also told the student leaders from university campuses and community colleges that there is a possibility of eliminating an interest subsidy that delays interest accrual until after the borrower graduates or leaves school.

The consequence of such a move, Romesburg said, would be a drastic increase in students' monthly payments.

Student default rates at the various state institutions were addressed at the leadership

conference. Romesburg distributed copies of the commission's recently released figures.

The report revealed that default rates are highest at many of the state's vocational and technical schools. Among the in-state collegiate institutions, Juneau-Douglas Community College, Ketchikan Community College and Kuskokwim Community College have the highest default rates, ranging from 41.8 percent for JDCC to 42.6 percent for Kuskokwim.

Romesburg explained that the difference in default rates between four-year colleges, community colleges and vo-tech schools exists because four-year schools are less likely to attract what Romesburg described as "experimental students" — those who borrow money for school but aren't committed to pursuing a degree. Those students tend to attend an institution for a short time and then decide not to continue. Often, they haven't the financial means to pay back their loans, Romesburg said.

Many of the nine legislators who addressed the students also brought up their concerns for the student loan program and the



Rep. Nillo Koponen, (D) Fairbanks, talks with student leaders during Jan. 15, 16, 17 student leadership conference in Juneau.

university budget.

Juneau Senator Jim Duncan said that the deficit of \$900 million in the state's revenues may force Cowper's administration to dip into permanent fund earnings in order to preserve basic services in Alaska.

He cited a reinstatement of an individual income tax as a potential revenue source, but commented

that there is too little public support of the idea to implement it in the near future.

"I'm not confident anything will happen with that this year," Duncan said.

Duncan urged students to let legislators know their feelings about the impending university system restructuring.

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Full-time student enrollment rises

BY KATE HARMS
Whalesong Staff Reporter

Enrollment in recent semesters indicates that the University of Alaska-Juneau is "trending toward a more traditional school", commented Eileen Franson of UAJ's Office of Admissions and Records, on the growing percentage of full time enrollment.

Full-time students compared 22 percent of fall, 1986 semester enrollment of 2,221, Franson said. Spring 1987 registration information to date indicates that of 1,311 students registered, 277 are enrolled in a degree program

and carrying an average of nine credit hours each, while 1,034 students registered during the the regular two day registration period for an average of six credit hours each.

"Many students will register late", added Franson. "That is why we won't have final enrollment totals for this semester for a few weeks."

On-campus student housing boasts nearly 200 full time students, according to Terry Hammond, personal secretary to the housing and athletic office. "We have only a few vacant beds," Hammond said, specifying that a few is less than 10.

Prior enrollment figures including spring 1983 through spring 1987 demonstrate an average of 215 program enrolled students carrying approximately 10 credit hours per student per semester, and total enrollment (not including spring 1987) speaks of an average semester enrollment of 2,465 students carrying approximately six credit hours each

While enrollment per semester varies by only a few hundred, number of credit hours per semester has grown steadily from 11,247 for spring 1983 to 12,773 for fall 1986.

Chess Club still going strong

By Matt Brakel
Whalesong Staff Reporter

According to Micheal Smith, USUJ President, the UAJ Chess Club is the most successful and long-standing club UAJ has had.

The Chess Club started in the spring of 1983 when Ron Silva and Llyod Robinson arranged for Gordon Taylor, a chess master from Vancouver, to come to Juneau and give a simultaneous exhibition and a chess seminar. In a simultaneous exhibition a chess master plays many games at once, in this case twelve games against different opponents.

The Chess Club is currently run by Micheal Sakarias who took over in the fall of '83 by virtue of having the expertise and time to devote to the Chess Club.

When asked about the activities of the Chess Club, Mike Sakarias mentioned that the club once had weekly meetings but

cancelled them earlier this year, due to lack of participation. So Mike concentrates on the approximately five tournaments a year that the Chess Club sponsors.

These tournaments are open to all members of the U.S. Chess Federation, as the Club decided long ago not to restrict membership to University students and faculty. Therefore the approximately 18 persons that attend these tournaments are made up of about one-third UAJ, one-third high-school, and one-third local adult chess players.

To enter the U. S Chess Federation is easy and inexpensive, with a form filled out at the tournament and a \$3 fee for temporary membership. A full membership through the UAJ Chess Club, for an Adult, is 20% off the U.S. Chess Federation price, for a total of \$21. This membership is also good for twelve issues of Chess Life.

Mike explained the importance of entering the U.S. Chess Federation was not to help the Chess Club earn money, but to obtain a number ranking of the player's ability or "strength." the 'stronger' the player the higher the number, with beginners having around 400 points and Grand Masters having approximately 2,500 points. According to Mike this ranking is fairly accurate on a national scale, where the stronger player will beat the weaker or lower-ranked player, three out of four times.

To obtain a ranking a player must play at least four games with other ranked chess players.

Anyone interested in testing their playing strength are invited to the upcoming chess tournament, Saturday, January 31st, at 9:30am in the Bill Ray Center room 261.

Legislators seek university fund

By M.R. Young
Whalesong Staff Reporter

Some of the most powerful and prominent members of the Fifteenth Alaskan Legislature have introduced legislation to create a new "University Fund." This bill, as introduced, would set aside five percent of all state mineral lease monies, royalties, and revenue sharing payments after Jan. 1, 1989 to go to an Alaskan University Fund.

bills submitted in the House and Senate on Jan. 19, have both bodies contemplating the changes, which will require a change in the Alaska Constitution, and therefore a vote in the next general election.

Senate Joint Resolution No.1, submitted by Sens. Jan Faiks, Rick Uehling and Jay Kerttula, lays out the proposed amendment to the constitution and is paralleled in the House by House Joint Resolution No. 2, submitted by Rep. Red Boucher.

The bills that actually outline the changes are Senate Bill No. 12 and House Bill No. 42, the sponsors are the same as in the Joint Resolutions. If established, the University Fund will be managed by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation. The Corporation will transfer the money to the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

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Leaders...

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"Tell them that further cuts will mean tearing apart a good education system," Duncan said.

Duncan told the students that he disagrees with the reorganization plan, and said he thinks it should be of concern to students who want to retain a strong system.

About the possibility of funding the student loan program through revenue bonding, Duncan said he feels it could work.

The proposal would relieve immediate pressure on state coffers, but Michael Smith, USUJ president, predicted that in the long run, the bonding proposal would be too costly.

Besides giving students from the University's Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses, as well as Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage Community College, Islands Community College, Ketchikan Community College and UAJ a chance to meet with legislators about issues and potential internships, the leadership conference included the resolution of ongoing student planning.

Among those issues was the charter for the United Campuses of Alaska (UCA), a statewide

organization intended to disseminate information among student leaders in all member campuses, and to act as a liaison between the students and the legislature.

In past meetings to decide UCA's fate, there has been disagreement among its members over what the organization's purpose should be, and how broad its charter should be.

At this meeting, a new version of the last charter was unanimously accepted. It calls for UCA's members to agree to agree.

Dave Smith, UCA coordinator and Secretary of USUJ, explained that everyone seemed to be comfortable with what they decided and that the future UCA looks very good.

The charter addresses membership, the organization's coordination and communication role, its intention to provide a forum for student discussion of issues, and its goal to provide representation for the college students of Alaska.

The recognized student governments of any institution of higher learning in Alaska are eligible for membership in UCA.

Accreditation...

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"We were extremely pleased to hear the news that our accreditation was reaffirmed," said John Visser, interim chancellor at UAJ. "This indicates that the Northwest Association believes we are succeeding in our efforts to serve the educational needs of Southeast Alaska."

Administrators at UAJ have already begun to prepare for a visit by the full evaluation team, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20-22, 1988. A complete self-evaluation will be written and presented to the NWASC prior to their trip to Juneau.

"We are confident of our ability to remain fully accredited, and look forward to the team's visit," Visser said. "By then, we anticipate that the restructuring of the university will be complete and that a revitalized UAJ will be firmly established in Southeast."

support is revenue bonding for student loans. This measure will end up costing the state much more over the long run but it has the appeal of the "quick fix" in that the immediate monetary needs are greatly reduced. This situation will buy time but is not the final solution. As we have all heard, the state is in dire straits financially. Everybody will have to take cuts, some will take more and some will take less. Students and parents will have a big voice in what changes will be acceptable with the loan program.

USUJ plans to rent the swimming pool for UAJ student either Friday, Jan. 30 or Saturday, Feb. 1. Here's a chance for the students to have the pool to themselves. Look for posters on campus to find out the exact date or call the student government office at 789-4537.

The coordinator of UCA is elected by unanimous vote of the body.

Smith was originally elected to the position in June, 1986, and was re-elected at the January meeting.

Michael Smith, USUJ president, said UCA's new charter will make the organization function much like a marriage.

"We'll work things out as we go along and trust each other," Smith commented.

A resolution requesting student representation on the restructuring transition teams was passed unanimously at the conference and was hand delivered to University President Donald O'Dowd by Wendy Radman, statewide administration's government relations coordinator.

The next meeting of the student leaders is scheduled for March, to be hosted by Alaska Pacific University.

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There will be a convocation for all students and faculty on Friday, January 30, 1987, in the Hendrickson Building Theater at 3:00 p.m. to discuss up-to-date information on the University of Alaska reorganization. Please plan to attend

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O'Dowd...

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there will be just one of each department when the Anchorage campuses are merged into one MAU.

O'Dowd posed and then attempted to answer the question, "Can we reduce costs without diminishing services?"

"The unique problems faced by the university are not encountered by other state agencies," O'Dowd explained.

"Even if we decide to cut programs," he continued, "we are obligated to complete the programs for students already enrolled in it."

The cost of getting the university out of offering a program, O'Dowd commented, could be greater than the cost of continuing it.

For that reason, the university's first instinct toward

cost-cutting tends to be in non-instructional programs where that contractual obligation does not exist, such as inter-collegiate athletics or campus-supported radio stations.

The three priorities O'Dowd outlined in his presentation are that educational considerations outweigh political ones; that the system preserve quality at the sacrifice of quantity; and that a declaration of financial exigency be prevented.

To implement the proposal for meeting these priorities, consulting personnel departments, where groups are currently being formed to determine how best to organize each campus, according to O'Dowd. (See related story.)

Those groups will then make recommendations to the Board of Regents at their February meeting.

Once in place, O'Dowd said, task forces will implement the details of the plan without, O'Dowd said he hopes, disrupting service delivery.

"It has to be a smooth transition," O'Dowd said.

"It won't be easy," he said, "we're struggling with how to do it."

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Ketchikan Community College will join the Juneau delegation in meetings on Feb. 2 and 3 in the Hendrickson Building.

UAJ administration will submit recommendations and information for the Consulting Group's consideration.

Students may contact Smith or Cole through the Student Government Office at 789-4537 with suggestions or information.

Tuesday, Feb. 3. Protest the '87 nuclear test policy at the courthouse, 12-1pm

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